

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

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| IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY) |) | ORDER APPROVING |
| NORTHWESTERN CORPORATION DBA) |) | TARIFF REVISIONS |
| NORTHWESTERN ENERGY FOR APPROVAL) |) | |
| OF TARIFF REVISIONS TO ITS SAMPLE) |) | EL16-027 |
| FORMS) |) | |

On July 28, 2016, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing from NorthWestern Corporation dba NorthWestern Energy (NorthWestern) for approval of tariff revisions to its sample forms. The purpose of this filing is to improve communication with customers by updating form letters to improve readability and to further explain the budget billing process. NorthWestern requests an effective date of September 1, 2016.

On August 4, 2016, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of August 19, 2016, to interested entities and persons on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed.

On August 19, 2016, NorthWestern filed its responses to Commission staff's data request and revised tariff pages. On August 25, 2016, NorthWestern filed additional revised tariff pages. The revised tariff sheets are as follows:

South Dakota Electric Rate Schedule

Section No. 1

12th Revised Sheet No. 2

Canceling 11th Revised Sheet No. 2

Section No. 6

4th Revised Sheet No. 23

Canceling 3rd Revised Sheet No. 23

1st Revised Sheet No. 25

Canceling Original Sheet No. 25

1st Revised Sheet No. 26

Canceling Original Sheet No. 26

1st Revised Sheet No. 27

Canceling Original Sheet No. 27

1st Revised Sheet No. 28

Canceling Original Sheet No. 28

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-34A, particularly 49-34A-4 and 49-34A-10, and ARSD 20:10:13:12 and 20:10:17:10.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on August 30, 2016, the Commission considered this matter. Commission staff recommended approval of the tariff revisions as filed on August 25, 2016, with an effective date of September 1, 2016. Finding the revisions to be just and reasonable, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the tariff revisions, effective September 1, 2016. It is therefore

ORDERED, that NorthWestern's request to revise its tariffs is hereby granted and the revisions are approved, effective for services rendered on and after September 1, 2016.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 6th day of September, 2016.

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| <p style="text-align: center;">CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</p> <p>The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, electronically or by mail.</p> <p>By: <u>Adam Jettneck</u></p> <p>Date: <u>9/6/16</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(OFFICIAL SEAL)</p> |
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Chairman

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner